

[Translation]

Documents of Indian History

3414. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several valuable original documents of Indian history are in possession of various foreign Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to bring back these documents and the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These documents relate to archival material on different periods of the association of foreign Governments with India. The countries where records exist include the UK, France, Portugal, the Netherlands the Commonwealth of the Independent States, Germany, Spain, Denmark and Italy.

(c) Efforts made through diplomatic channels and directly to seek the retrieval of original documents have not been successful. However microfilms of these documents have been successful. However microfilms of these documents have been procured from some countries through bilateral exchange, outright purchase and grants received from the Charles Wallace Trust Fund. 6839 microfilms have been acquired so far by the National Archives of India.

Repair of Railway Bridges in Bihar

3415. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of old railway bridges identified for renovation in zonal railways covering Bihar;

(b) the details regarding repair work undertaken thereon during last two years;

(c) the details of the report submitted by the Committee constituted to study the old bridges; and

(c) the extent to which its recommendations have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) 1094 nos. distributed on various sections of Eastern, North Eastern, Northeast Frontier and South Eastern Railways, to be taken up for rehabilitation in a phased manner.

(b) 106 nos. have been rehabilitated/registered/rebuilt as necessary.

(c) and (d). The Committee, in its report, identified the types of the old bridges, which need to be taken up for rehabilitation on a programmed basis and the additional inputs considered necessary for the same. The report was accepted for implementation.

Central Zoo Authority

3416. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Zoo Authority for the development and modernisation of the zoological parks;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up and the jurisdiction of this authority; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken

by the Government for the development of the zoological parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). Central Zoo Authority has already been set up with effect from 3rd February, 1992. The authority shall be responsible for looking after the management and the development of the zoos throughout the country except Jammu & Kashmir.

New Locomotive and Coach Manufacturing units

3417. SHRI PANKAJ CH-
 OUDHARY:
 SHRI S.B. THORAT:
 SHRI ARJUN CHARAN
 SETHI:
 SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up new coach and locomotive manufacturing units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith estimated cost, location and the stage at which each project stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Electrification of Railway Lines

3418. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY:
 SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA
 RAJE:
 PROF. K.V THOMAS:
 SHRI V.S. VIJAYAR-
 AGHAVAN:
 SHRI SURYA NARAIN
 YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway lines taken up for electrification during Seventh Five Year Plan alongwith total cost, funds allocated, year-wise, progress made so far and target date fixed for completion of each project, separately; and

(b) the names of railway lines approved for electrification during 1992-93 alongwith estimated cost, funds allocated and target date fixed for completion of each project separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.